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Education

Action taken on the report of the Indian Delegation of the British Social Hygiene Council.

* 1114 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. Shetty: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the educational recommendations made in the report of the Indian Delegation of the British Social Hygiene Council have been considered by Government; and

(*b*) if so, whether any action has been taken in the matter?

A.—The Government have not considered it necessary at present to grant scholarships to men and women teachers to enable them to undergo a year's qualifying course on Social Hygiene at one of the English Universities. The remaining recommendations are under the consideration of Government.

Number of students from the Government Training College, Rajahmundry, who were declared eligible for University course of study.

* 1115 *Q.*—Mr. K. V. R. Swami: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that out of the 95 pupils sent by the Government Training College, Rajahmundry, for the Secondary School-Leaving Certificate examination last year only 33 were declared eligible for University courses of study;

(*b*) whether any pupils were detained; if so, how many;

(*c*) what the cause for this low percentage of passes is—whether defective teaching or stiffness of the examiners or papers set up or something else;

(*d*) whether the Government propose to do anything to remedy this hardship; and

(*e*) what the results produced by each of the other institutions in the province which sent up pupils last year for the Secondary School-Leaving Certificate examination are?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*), (*c*) & (*e*) The Government have no information.

(*d*) In the current year the results in the Public examination have shown marked improvement. Of the 93 candidates presented for the examination 47 were declared eligible for University courses.

Expenditure on the Municipal High School, Rajahmundry.

* 1116 *Q.*—Mr. K. V. R. Swami: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) when the Municipal High School, Rajahmundry, was started;

(*b*) what is the total amount of money spent by the Council up till last year on account of losses sustained by the school; and

(*c*) what portion of it was paid by the Government?

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A.—(*a*) The High School was started in July 1917.

(*b*) Rs. 35,217.

(*c*) The total subsidy paid towards the maintenance of the school from 1917–18 to 1927–28 was Rs. 4,727.

Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO :—"May I know, Sir, whether the Government pay any proportion of the losses incurred by the municipality ?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—"There is no question of proportion."

Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO :—"May I know on what principle the subsidy is paid ?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—"The amount of subsidy was settled on a three-year basis and on that basis it is being paid."

Teaching of horticulture in Government and local board schools.

* 1117 *Q.*—Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether horticulture is taught in any of the schools under the management of the Government and local bodies ;

(*b*) if so, in which of the schools ; and

(*c*) if the information is not available whether the Government will call for the same ?

A.—So far as the Government are aware horticulture is taught as a subject of manual training in the Government Training School for masters, Mangalore and in the Municipal High School, Ootacamund. It is also understood that some secondary schools have gardens which are used in connexion with the teaching of elementary science.

Agricultural instruction in elementary and secondary schools.

* 1118 *Q.*—Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the report of the Committee appointed by the Director of Public Instruction to work out detailed proposals for the teaching of elementary agriculture in select higher elementary and secondary schools has now been received ;

(*b*) whether the same will be placed on the Council table ; and

(*c*) what action, if any, the Government propose to take in the matter ?

A.—(*a*), (*b*) & (*c*) The report of the Committee has not yet been received.

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—"May I know from the hon. the Minister, when the report was called for ?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—"Which report ?"

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—"The report referred to in the answer."

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—"Which clause of the answer ?"